

**Calne Area Board report of Calne Health and Social Care Forum meeting on  
27<sup>th</sup>. October**

**Speakers at the last Forum meeting were:**

**Cara Watson from the Richmond Fellowship**

- The Richmond Fellowship is a national mental health charity supporting adults with mental health issues to manage their mental wellbeing and to make recovery a reality.
- The Richmond Fellowship have successfully won 2 contracts from April 2016, which means we now have 3 different services in Wiltshire and become a major provider of community based support & mental health employment in Wiltshire.
- The first service is the Provision of Recovery and Social Inclusion & Mental Well-being Services for Wiltshire, taken over from Alabare, managed by staff at Greenacre Gardens in Devizes. The centre will continue to involve those therapeutic activities like conservation, gardening & crafts, but it will be more outreach and expand into North Wiltshire. Service users will have their own employment advisers to assist accessing mental health services, such as talking therapies and accessing mainstream community activities/organisations, building up their social & leisure networks, voluntary work & preparing for employment.
- The second service is the Provision of Individual Placement & Support for Mental Health Employment Services for Wiltshire, with referrals from the Community Mental Health Team.
- The third service is Community Housing Support for Wiltshire, which started in April this year, offering one to one support minimising tenancy difficulties to increase social inclusion

**Andrew Day from the Alzheimer's Society**

- Alzheimer's Society is national organisation with a regional and local structure that deliver services in North and South Wiltshire, campaign and research. There are currently 7000 people living with dementia in Wiltshire and this is forecast to rise to 12,000 by 2020
- There is a strong emphasis on community support and dementia friendly communities. There are now 1.3 million Dementia Friends in the UK so far. Wiltshire Council aim to have all 5,000 employees attend Dementia Friend sessions.
- Alzheimer's Society run a dementia advisory service and aim to reach as many people as possible as a contact point for information and advice of local services for service users and carers from pre-diagnosis to death. They take self-referrals as well as primary care referrals as it is important to get early help. AD suggested that everyone ought to have a Power of Attorney in place, as these are difficult and expensive to arrange if left too late! There are carer support groups in Chippenham and Royal Wooten Bassett. Diagnosis rates have improved. Around two-thirds of all care home residents have some dementia

### **Anna Richardson from Dorothy House Hospice**

- There will be a new education programme available in 2016 called 'I Don't Know What to Say'. This will be available to volunteers and workers in the social care environment and members of the public. It will include support for grieving particularly relating to major life events including death.
- There will also be a residential care home scheme with targeted study days and newsletters. The courses would cover subjects such as 'Introduction to Hospice Care' and 'Making the Most of Life'. Dorothy House have expertise in helping people in pain relief and breathing, etc.
- Full day training can be booked for groups at Wisley or Trowbridge and half-day courses on dementia care. Four Dementia Champions can offer Dementia Friends sessions

### **Carolyn Porch from Devizes Treatment Centre**

- Devizes Treatment Centre is managed by Care UK, a private company. They offer day treatment for NHS referrals only. They offer a wide range of treatment including diagnosis and testing, gynaecology, urology, hip replacements, knee replacements, cataract surgery with pre-and post-operative care. The Treatment Centre offers an alternative treatment to the larger hospitals. Clinical outcomes are very high with very good patient feedback. Patients can be referred by GPs or the referral management service in Wiltshire.
- An open day was held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November when operating theatres were open to view, consultants were present and some CPR training was given

### **Local Calne Health and Social Care Initiatives**

- **Let's Loop Calne.** Pilot groups in Calne and Salisbury have been set up for checking public hearing loops by volunteers. Training will be given to volunteers in the New Year
- **Calne Memory Club** The club meets fortnightly in Marden House Centre and the club now have an Alzheimer's activities specialist on the management committee
- **HACCA** reported that they have two new committee members and a few events planned. They have recently funded 8 I-pads to help children who are not doing well at school as part of their Media Project. Pat Donlan is monitoring the results. They will have a stall at the up-coming Unfair Funfair before the next Area Board meeting in Calne Library
- **Dementia Friend Champion** – Cherhill Parish Council organised a Dementia Friend information session in October and there will be training in Chippenham for new Dementia Champions in January.
- **Safe Places in Calne** – The Calne scheme was progressing well and awaiting ID cards and many window stickers are now displayed. The scheme is looking for a volunteer secretary.

### **Local Health and Social Care Issues**

- **Mary Gray** told the group that she had heard that Arriva hospital transport was taking too long. She was advised to contact Healthwatch Wiltshire with the details.

- **Sarah Mills** reported that there was a vacancy for a Health Trainer for the Marlborough area and that Marie Mathers is now covering Westbury and Warminster. Stuart Irons has joined the Calne Health Trainer team.
- **Freda Ackroyd** reported that Age UK Wiltshire have received new funding from Calne Lions Club to set up a telephone befriending service in Calne to be run from the Community Hub. New volunteers will be recruited and training will be arranged in December for a January start. They are able to take names of people interested in receiving the service.
- **Gill Kosmyryk** reported that the Calne Monday Club is looking for a volunteer cook.
- **David Evans** reported that there would be a Health and Wellbeing Event organised by Medvivo and WSUN in the Corn Exchange, Devizes on 18<sup>th</sup> November

**The next Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

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